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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Examiner George:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated 7/27/2006, Applicant submits the following remarks and amendments, currently due on a statutory period for response expiring on 10/27/2006. It is thought that no extension of time is necessary.

The Examiner has stated, on the Office Action Summary that Claims 1-4, 6-14 and 16-20 are pending, and claims 1-4, 6-14 and 16-20 are rejected. This response is organized as follows:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

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